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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 156

By Cohen

A RESOLUTION To honor and commend Reverend Anthony D. Henderson upon his installation as minister of the Beulah Missionary Baptist Church.

WHEREAS, It is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who through their extraordinary faith and compassionate service have distinguished themselves as spiritual leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, One such noteworthy person is Reverend Anthony D. Henderson, who was recently elected to serve as minister of the Beulah Missionary Baptist Church in Memphis; and

WHEREAS, For over forty-five years, Reverend Dr. Wesley C. Holmes served as pastor of the Beulah Missionary Baptist Church, until his health failed in September of 1999; in March 2001, at the age of eight-four, this man of faith and wisdom made his transition to his heavenly home, leaving behind him a firm spiritual foundation, as well as a legacy of service and humility; and

WHEREAS, The Beulah Missionary Baptist Church, after much thought and prayerful consideration, then selected a new spiritual leader; Reverend Henderson will be officially welcomed during a three-day celebration, beginning May 18, 2001 and ending May 20, 2001; the Beulah Missionary Baptist Church will hold a youth rally on the 18th of May, followed by a

banquet at the Wilson World Hotel on May 19th, and an installation and worship service on May 20th; and

WHEREAS, A highly respected member of the Memphis community, Reverend Anthony Henderson is the loving son of Oscar and Dorothy Henderson, the brother of Jeffrey Henderson and Cheryl Henderson, and the grandson of Ms. Lametta Campbell; and

WHEREAS, He is a 1981 graduate of Melrose High School; he received his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1985 from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, and went on to earn a Master of Divinity degree from Memphis Theological Seminary, graduating Magna Cum Laude in 1995; and

WHEREAS, A man of commitment and faith, Reverend Henderson received the Memphis Theological Seminary Alston Outstanding African American Student Award in May of 1995; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Anthony D. Henderson has served astutely as Counselor for the Department of Human Services and as the Assistant Minister at Gospel Temple Missionary Baptist Church; in both positions he earned the respect of his peers and the people he served for his integrity, dedication, and compassion; and

WHEREAS, He has been an active and valuable member of the Mt. Moriah Missionary Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his religious service, Reverend Henderson lends his remarkable time and talents to many public service organizations, including the NAACP and Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated; and

WHEREAS, He is most grateful for the love and companionship he shares with his wife, Annette Harvey Henderson; they are blessed with two children, Brandon and Briana; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Anthony Henderson epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated spiritual leader, and reliable friend and neighbor; he will serve as an

inspiration of hope and goodwill for the congregation of the Beulah Missionary Baptist Church;
and

WHEREAS, Reverend Henderson is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend Reverend Anthony D. Henderson upon his installation as minister of the Beulah Baptist Church, applaud his devotion and faith, and extend to him and the congregation of the Beulah Baptist Church our best wishes for every future success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.